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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS  
ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT, MAY 2

1. SUMMARY: SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN INFORMAL CONSULTA-  
TIONS AT 4:00 PM ON MAY 2. AT REQUEST OF SOVIET DELEGA-  
TION COUNCIL AGREED TO HOLD FORMAL MEETING ON MAY 3 TO  
ADOPT PROCEDURAL-TYPE RESOLUTION ON UNIFIL ENLARGEMENT.  
CONSULTATIONS OF THE COUNCIL ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 3  
AT 10:00 AM TO SEEK ADVANCE AGREEMENT ON THE DRAFT RESO-  
LUTION AND A PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH ONLY SC MEMBERS  
WOULD SPEAK AT THE FORMAL MEETING. AT THE MAY 2 CONSUL-  
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TATIONS KUWAIT SERVED NOTICE THAT, AFTER THE ADDITIONAL  
2,000 UNIFIL TROOPS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED, IT WOULD ASK  
FOR AN SC MEETING TO FIX DATE FOR FINAL IDF WITHDRAWAL  
IF ISRAELIS BY THEN ARE STILL OCCUPYING SEGMENTS OF  
SOUTH LEBANON. WALDHEIM NOTED THAT US INFORMED HIM THAT  
PM BEGIN ASSURED US THAT IDF INTENDED TO WITHDRAW AND  
BEGIN WOULD CLARIFY THE MATTER IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS

RETURN TO ISRAEL. END SUMMARY.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL AT ITS CONSULTATIONS ON MAY 2 DECIDED TO MEET FORMALLY ON MAY 3 AT 3:00 PM TO AGREE TO SYG'S REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF 2,000 TROOPS FOR UNIFIL. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD AT 10:00 AM WHEN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED AND HOPEFULLY A PROCEDURE AGREED TO UNDER WHICH ONLY SC MEMBERS WOULD BE GIVEN THE FLOOR AT THE FORMAL MEETING. AN EFFORT WILL ALSO BE MADE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO VOTE FIRST ON THE RESOLUTION, WITH STATEMENTS TO FOLLOW THE VOTE.

3. DURING THE MAY 2 CONSULTATIONS ALL SC MEMBERS EXCEPT CHINA, WHICH STATED ITS TRADITIONAL NON-PARTICIPATION POSITION, AND THE USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA INDICATED AGREEMENT TO UNIFIL'S INCREASE. THE USSR (TROYANOVSKY) INSISTED ON A FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING DESPITE EFFORTS BY UK, FRANCE, AND US TO HAVE AGREEMENT TO SYG'S PROPOSAL APPROVED DURING THE CONSULTATIONS. (THE SOVIETS WISH TO BE ABLE TO STATE THEIR POSITION PUBLICLY AND TO ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION.) UK REFERRED TO PRECEDENTS FOR AGREEMENT TO CHANGES IN SIZE OF UN PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WITHOUT SC MEETING, AND FRANCE SUGGESTED THAT A FORMAL MEETING COULD BE HELD IMMEDIATELY, AS REQUESTED BY THE USSR, AND THE MATTER DISPOSED OF AT CONFIDENTIAL

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ONCE. THE USSR DEMURRED AND THE SC PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT A FORMAL MEETING OF THE SC WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON AND GAVELLED THE SESSION CLOSED.

4. ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT (GLEISSNER), RESOLUTION WOULD SIMPLY REFER TO THE LETTER OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, RECALL SC RESOLUTIONS 425 AND 426, AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED INCREASE. NO ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS WOULD BE INCLUDED.

5. DURING MAY 2 CONSULTATIONS QUESTION OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL WAS DISCUSSED AT CONSIDERABLE LENGTH. KUWAIT (BISHARA) ANNOUNCED THAT AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE DEPOLYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL 2,000 UNIFIL TROOPS, HE WOULD WANT THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET "TO SET A FIXED DATE" FOR THE FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE IDF. HE ADDED THAT IN CASE OF FAILURE OF ISRAEL TO COMPLY THEN THE COUNCIL SHOULD LOOK TO OTHER MEASURES AND COURSES OF ACTION. DISTINCTION WAS DRAWN BY SEVERAL SPEAKERS BETWEEN SC MEETING TO AGREE TO UNIFIL INCREASE AND SEPARATE MEETING TO TAKE UP IDF WITHDRAWAL. INDIA SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED CALL FOR THE SC TO SET DATE FOR

FINAL WITHDRAWAL, WHILE MOST OTHER SPEAKERS REFERRED GENERALLY TO NEED FOR WITHDRAWAL.

6. US (YOUNG) AGREED THAT THE TWO ISSUES (UNIFIL INCREASE AND IDF WITHDRAWAL) SHOULD BE DEALT WITH SEPARATELY. YOUNG EXPRESSED US SUPPORT FOR PROVIDING SYG WITH TROOPS NECESSARY TO FULFILL UNIFIL'S MANDATE AND SUGGESTED SYG COULD PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORT AT LATER DATE ON ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL. HE AGREED WITH EARLIER SPEAKERS WHO SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT OF LEBANON SHOULD BE CONSULTED AS TO USEFULNESS OF SC MEETING ON IDF WITHDRAWAL.

7. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE POSED TO SYG BY KUWAIT ON  
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UNIFIL OPERATIONS.

(1) DOES SC HAVE GUARANTEE THAT 6,000 TROOPS IS  
CEILING FOR UNIFIL?

REPLY: I HOPE THAT IT IS THE CEILING, ALTHOUGH THIS  
REPRESENTS A MINIMUM FIGURE TO IMPLEMENT RESES 425 AND  
426.

(2) WHERE WILL ADDITIONAL TROOPS BE STATIONED?

REPLY: NEW TROOPS WILL BE POSITIONED IN SOUTHERN BELT  
NOW STILL OCCUPIED BY IDF AND IN CENTRAL PORTION JUST  
VACATED IN LATEST IDF PULLBACK.

(3) WHAT IS THE UN DOING TO "TAME" THE MILITANT CHRIS-  
TIAN FORCES?

REPLY: CHRISTIAN FORCES ARE IN THE SO-CALLED BELT ALONG  
THE ISRAELI BORDER. THEY REPRESENT A STILL-UNRESOLVED  
PROBLEM AND UNIFIL IS TRYING TO HANDLE THIS IN BEST  
POSSIBLE WAY.

(4) ARE THERE ARMED ELEMENTS IN THE AREAS UNDER UN CON-  
TROL?

REPLY: YES. THERE ARE MANY ARMED ELEMENTS IN SOUTH LEBA-  
NON, MANY OF WHOM CANNOT ALWAYS BE IDENTIFIED. ARAFAT IS  
BEING VERY COOPERATIVE AND HAS INSTRUCTED HIS FORCES TO  
FACILITATE UNIFIL'S WORK; HOWEVER, THERE ARE VARIOUS  
ELEMENTS NOT RESPONSIVE TO ARAFAT'S INSTRUCTIONS. IN  
THIS CONNECTION THE GOL AT THE UN'S REQUEST HAS PROVIDED  
30 POLICEMEN TO WORK WITH UNIFIL AND IS ABOUT TO SEND AN  
ADDITIONAL 30 TO THE SOUTH.

(5) WHAT IS THE UN TROOP ROLE - TO IDENTIFY UNDERSIRABLE  
ARMED ELEMENTS AND TO SEND THEM BACK?

REPLY: YES, WHEN ARMED ELEMENTS ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE UN  
AREA OF OPERATIONS THE DUTY OF THE FORCE IS TO DISARM  
THEM AND TO SEND THEM BACK.

8. WALDHEIM CONCLUDED HIS ANSWERS BY NOTING THAT GENERAL  
SIILASVUO HAD MET MAY 1 WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE  
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WEIZMAN. SIILASVUO INSISTED ON A "QUICK  
WITHDRAWAL", ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM. WEIZMAN AGREED  
BUT SAID THAT FURTHER TALKS WOULD BE NECESSARY. WALDHEIM

ADDED HE LEARNED THAT US RAISED WITHDRAWAL WITH PM

BEGIN DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT. BEGIN ASSURED THE  
US THAT ISRAEL INTENDED TO WITHDRAW AND THAT IMMEDIATELY  
UPON HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL "THE MATTER WOULD BE CLARIFIED  
AND A POSITIVE DECISION TAKEN."

9. INDIA (JAIPAL) QUERIED WALDHEIM ON THE STRENGTH OF  
THE IDF AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION OF SOUTH LEBANON  
AND NOW. WALDHEIM AND GEN. ERSKINE (WHO WAS PRESENT  
THROUGHOUT THE CONSULTATIONS) RESPONDED THAT THERE  
WERE APPROXIMATELY 15,000 ISRAELI SOLDIERS INVOLVED  
IN THE INVASTION AND NOW THERE WERE "MUCH, MUCH LESS"  
ALTHOUGH THE UN DID NOT HAVE AN EXACT ESTIMATE. YOUNG

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